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PREFACE

IT will be fit to say something by way of Preface, or Advertisement to the Reader; as also to give a lively, tho' short Description of the Place it self, which is so likely to stand fair in the Annals of these Times.

The noble and vigorous Defence this City has made, the Gallant and Brisk Repulses the French *(not accustom'd to such) have receiv'd, to their no less furious and undaunted Attacks (nor to diminish the one, tho' an Enemy; nor extol above due merit the t'other, tho' an Ally;) have made a mighty noise in the World, if not as loud as that of their Mortars and Cannon, yet the Report has gone much further, nay almost to the extream Ends of the Earth.*

The invincible Courage of the Catalans *may justly claim (and undoubtedly will have) a large Share and fair Place in the History of these present and most remarkable Times, far more fam'd for greater Actions than any of the past Centuries, tho' the last came up pretty near it; the* Spanish *Monarchy being then much about reduc'd to the same State and Condition the* French *now is, and is like to be kept for many Years yet to come, which has been the happy Effect of these Wars; the Ballance of* Europe *being once more return'd in* English *Hands.*

A Defcription of the Place.

Barcelona is a fair and large City, one of the Chief of *Spain*, the Metropolis of the Principality of *Catalonia*, a Bifhoprick under the Archbifhop of *Tarragon*, fubject to the King of *Spain*, it is an excellent Port ſtanding on the Mediterranean Sea, fifty two Miles Eaſt of *Tarragon*, ſixty North of the Iſle of *Majorca*, one Hundred thirty four almoſt South of *Narbone*, (a City of *France* in the lower *Languedoc*) and three Hundred Eaſt of *Madrid*, Longitude 20 d. 32 m. and Latitude 40 d. 34 m. 'tis ſeated in a Plain all along the Sea-ſide. There's an Old and New-Town, which laſt is Separated from t'other by a Wall, and ſeveral Gates. Both the one and the other of theſe Towns are incloſ'd with a ſecond Wall (not very ſtrong, nor in the beſt repair when firſt the Siege was form'd) fortified with Moats, flat at the bottom, and downright ſided, high Ramparts, ſome Towers and ſeveral Baſtions. The Haven is very commodious, ſheltred from the Winds on one ſide by Mount *Iovi*, which ſhoots into the Sea like a Promontory, and on the other by a Mole 300 paces in length, and furniſh'd with a Kay, at the end of which ſtands a Lanthorn and a little Fortreſs. That part where the *French* made their Attack had a Covert-

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way lately made, two lin'd Bastions, with two Flanks, a half Moon of Earth in the middle, a Mote reported to be none of the best, the like Rampart made after the old Fashion. The City is very large, well Built and Neat, (the Shop-keepers of one Profession living altogether in particular Streets, not confus'd as in London) and the Army that invested it ought to have been more Numerous, being but about 28 or 30000 Men, which obliged *the Duke of Vendôme*, the *French* General not having Troops enough to surround it, to leave it open in two or three places, by which means it receiv'd supplies from time to time, from the *Spanish* Army which lay incamp'd at *Lobregat* within two Leagues of it, the Garrison (at first) consisting of Eleven thousand Foot, and Fifteen thousand Horse, under the orders of the *Prince of Darmstadt* to defend the City, with the assistance of four or five thousand Burghers, under the Conduct of a Counsellor. The *Count of Caraglia* was Governor of the Place, and the *Marquis de la Florida* General of the Artillery, the *Marquis de Velasco* (late Governor of *Cadiz*) Viceroy of *Catalonia*, General of all the *Spanish* Forces without the Town, which consisted of about 5000 Foot, and 3000 Horse, besides, Miqueless, Sometams, Mountaners, and other Peasants indifferently Arm'd, to the Number of 18 or 20000 under the Command of *Don Michael d'Otaza* Lieutenant General, part of which were employ'd in guarding the Passes, and cutting off the Communication between the *French* Army and *Gironne*, and other their conquer'd Town. I have been the larger in the Description of the Place, to render it the more Intelligible, and Acceptable to common as well as curious Readers.

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Barcelona, June 12. 1697.

Barcelona was Invested by a body of Troops under the Count *de Mely*, the whole *French* Army advancing and approaching the Places the same Day the *Count D'estree* Vice Admiral of France came to an Anchor near the Town, (by Orders from the General) with his Fleet, consisting of nine or ten Frigats, thirty Gallies, three Bomb Vessels, with an hundred and odd Transports, laden with Provisions for the Army, *viz.* Meal for four Months, and Oats for six Weeks abundance of Ammunition, and a good Train of Artillery consisting of 60 Pieces of Cannon and 12 Morrars, which they immediately Landed. Three

days were employ'd in Transporting the Artillery, Ammunition and Provision from *Badalona* to the Camp.

15*th*. The Trenches were open'd in the Night, and carried on within 150 Paces of the first Palisades, by two Attacks, one on the Right commanded by the *Sieur de Chavron* Lieutenant General, and the *Marquis de Novion* Brigadier, with 4 Battalions, and 800 Work-men, supported by 600 Grenadiers; t'other on the Left by the *Sieur de Vaenes* Marshal of the Camp, with 4 Battalions, 1200 Work-men, 2 Companies of Grenadiers, with 300 Dragons on Foot to sustain them. The same Night the *Sieur de Lupara* posted himself at the Convent of the *Cordeliers*. That Evening [illegible] Vessels began to Fire upon the Palace looking towards the Sea, which took Fire, the *Spaniards* gave great Disturbance to the Besiegers by a Sally they made with 800 Men.

The 16*th*. The Besieged fir[illegible] Cannon briskly, which Kill'd and Wounded [illegible] Officers, and several Soldiers.

The 17*th*. There fell abundance of Rain, which hinder'd the *French* from carrying on their Works.

The 18*th*, The *Spaniards* made two Sallies in the Night with 1000 Foot, and 400 Horse, on the Right; and with as many Horse, and 500 Foot on the Left. The *Chevalier de Fare* Marshal de Camp, who commanded in the Trenches, sent strong Detachments to oppose them. The Dispute was pretty sharp, and the *French* retir'd having lost several Men: The Besieged had on their side 6 or 7 Officers Kill'd and Wounded, and about 50 Men.

The 19*th*, The Besieged having Posted themselves behind some Works they had cast up, Fir'd very Warmly, not only against the Head of the *French* Trenches, but also in Flank, which made 'em very uneasy in their

their Trenches, and on their Batteries. There were 2 Houſes on the *Spaniards* Right, one they Burnt, and in th' other they poſted 200 Foot, ſupported by 50 Horſe, from whence they gaul'd the *French*, ſo that they cou'd not carry on their Works, whereupon they reſolv'd to attack that Houſe, the two Battalions of *Alſace*, with 2 Companies of Grenadiers and a Detachment of the Marine Guards being appointed for this Service; they made their Attack at the beginning of the Night, the *Spaniards* defended themſelves extreamly well, till moſt of 'em were Kill'd, or Wounded; the reſt being made Priſoners: During this Action the *French* who were poſted behind the Trenches, retired to a Stone-bridge, 60 Paces from the cover'd Way, and the 2 Battalions of *Alſace* commanded by the *Prince of Birkinfeld*, being order'd to purſue them, the *Prince of Darmſtadt* came out with a freſh Detachment to ſupport the *Spaniards*, and there hapen'd a ſharp Diſpute between them, divers Officers and Soldiers were Kill'd on each ſide, at laſt both Parties retired. The ſame Night the *Spaniards* made another Sally, and after ſome Skirmiſhing retir'd again.

The 20th, The Weather was Tempeſtuous, and it rain'd ſo violently for eight Hours together, that the *French* Trenches were fill'd with Water, ſo that there paſs'd nothing of Moment on either ſide.

The 21ſt, The Beſiegers wrought hard to repair the Damage the Rain had done to their Works, and puſht on conſiderably the * Gut which leads towards the Baſtion of the New Gate, where they intended the principal Attack. The Time was employ'd in bringing the Batteries of Cannon and Mortars nearer the Place, that they might have the greater Effect.

* A Gut is the Trenches of Approach towards the Place to Attack it.

The 22d, The *Spaniards* made no motion to disturb the Workmen, but continu'd to fire briskly with their Cannon and Muskets, doing considerable Damage to the Enemy, who Vigorously carried on the Trenches to the Bastions of the New Gate, and Finish'd their Batteries at the distance they intended; about three a Clock in the Afternoon some Squadrons of Horse from the *Spanish* Army Attackt the *French* Out-guards, whereupon a Detachment of Carabiners and Light horse were sent out against them, whom after some sharp Service (in which several were Kill'd on both sides) they oblig'd to retire.

The 23d, About 2 Hours after Midnight the Besieged made a Sally with 800 Foot, sustain'd by a Thousand more, with a design to nayl up the *French* Cannon; upon which happen'd so rude a Rencounter, that many were Slain on both sides, after which the *Spaniards* thought fit to Retreat; a Truce of 2 Hours was agreed on by both sides to Bury their Dead; during this Sally some Troops from the *Spanish* Camp to the Number of about 1500 came to Attack a House behind the *French* Camp, guarded by some Miquelets in their Service, who after a Fight of 2 Hours repuls'd them with some loss on both sides.

The 24th, The Trenches were considerably advanc'd without any great Opposition from the Enemy; many Bombs were that Night thrown into the City.

The 25th, The Works were continu'd without Disturbance; more Bombs were also thrown into the Place, 2 Commissaries of the Artillery were slain by the breaking of a Bomb, and a Cannon Bullet in the Trenches threw down Monsieur *de Lapara* (a *French* Ingenier,) without any sign of a Wound; for three

or four Days together the Besieged have carried on some Works as well on the Right of the Attack by the favor of some hollow Ways, as on the Left beyond the Bridge of the River, whence they carry their Works athwart. Whereupon the Duke of *Vendosme* resolving to force them, especially from the Works on the Left, which most incommoded him, commanded the *Sieur d'Usson* to March at ten a Clock at night, who after he had made a false Attack on the side of *Jesus*, to make a Diversion, he order'd the Retrenchment on the Left to be Attack't, which he carried with great Difficulty and some loss. They found another beyond that, which they also forced, where they Entrenched themselves after they had pursu'd the Enemies, even to the Pallisades: Many were Slain and Wounded of both parties, amongst which last was the Commandant, who was bruis'd.

The 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, and *July* 1, 2, 3, were spent in finishing the Retrenchments the *French* had gain'd in the last Attack, when they wrought hard to carry on the Trenches; and to make two parallel Lines upon the Glacis of the * Counterscarp; The *Sieur de Lapara* notwithstanding his Bridle continuing to direct the Works.

* A Counterscarp is the Side of the Ditch, towards the Outside.

The 4th, About Midnight the Besiegers gave a general Attack upon the cover'd Way, and made themselves Masters of it; but a little after the Besieged charg'd them so briskly that they were oblig'd to quit the Ground they had gain'd, and beat 'em away even to their first Battery, they not being at the beginning of the Action well Supported; but they came back, and charg'd them again three times, and were as often vigorously repuls'd; but being succour'd by some fresh Troops, they made a Lodgment at break of Day upon

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an Angle of the cover'd Way. 'Twas a most bloody shock, because they Fought there in Armor, and besides Fir'd briskly on both sides; the *Spaniards* had above five Hundred Men kill'd or wounded; amongst the first is reckon'd an Imperial Colonel, a *Bavarian* Lieutenant Colonel, the Sergeant Major of the *Spanish* Coast Regiment, the Sergeant Major of the Red Regiment, three Captains of the same, and many reform'd Officers; and amongst the Wounded they count Don *Manuel de Toledo*, Duke *Dalba*'s Son, (very dangerously,) the Colonel of the Red Regiment, the Colonel of the Blue Regiment, and divers other Officers. The *French* lost in this Action 2000 Men, all the Ground where the Attack was made being cover'd with dead Bodies; amongst which were many People of Quality, and Volunteers.

The 5th, The Besiegers Batteries were very quiet, they contenting themselves with securing their Works; but the Besiegeds Batteries fir'd very Furiously, doing great Damage to the Enemy, who towards the Evening made another Attack on the cover'd Way, on all sides, but were every where Vigorously repuls'd; about Midnight they Charg'd again, and by the favor of a great Smoke they carried an Angle of the cover'd Way, gaining about 20 Paces of Ground, employing the remainder of the Night in fortifying themselves there. The Besieged towards 5 in the Morning made a Sally on the Left with 300 Men, of which the Fifty first had Armor for Back and Breast, and Head, who overthrew the Work-men, and put the Grenadiers (who were much diminish'd by the loss they suffer'd the Night before) into disorder; but the Marquis *de Barbezeirs*, and the Marquis *de Genlis* running thither rallied them; and Marching the Regiment of

Vandosme

Vendosme out of the Trenches, they Charg'd the *Spaniards* with so much Vigor, that they repuls'd them to the Foot of the Bastion, afterwards remaining in quiet Possession of the Lodgment on the Left.

The *6th*, The *French* advanc'd their Works, but their Batteries were very silent; they made a great many Works in the Ditches, and other Places, to support their Attacks with greater Security; they were raising a Battery of 16 Mortars, and 24 Cannon to widen the Breach in the Courtine, and in the Faces of the 2 Bastions.

The *7th*, The Besiegers gave a general Assault to the cover'd Way, but they were beat back with great loss, having left the Glacis and the Ditch fill'd with dead Bodies; amongst which were abundance of Officers, People of Quality, and 20 Knights of *Malta*, besides Ingeniers, and 1000 Soldiers. On the Right, they gave another Assault with 20 Companies of Grenadiers, and 3 Regiments of Foot; the Besiegeds loss was much less. The Walloons signaliz'd themselves in this Attack, the sharpest Service being on their side.

The *8th*, The Garrison made a Sally upon the Enemies Quarters towards the Sea, and were so successful as to defeat 4 Squadrons of their Horse, of whom they took but a few Prisoners; amongst which was a Captain of Horse, the rest being put to the Sword. Besides they beat the *French* from a House they had fortified, in which Actions the *Spaniards* lost but about 30 Men, and had some Horses Wounded. Don *Bonifacio Mantique*, with three Squadrons Charg'd the Enemies Guard, and beat 'em back even to their Camp.

The *9th*, and *10th*, They only continu'd Firing from the Batteries on both sides, and the Besieged to repair

pair their ruin'd Works, the Besiegers being very quiet; the Miners of the Garrison were employ'd to make Countermines to discover the *French* Mines.

The 11*th*, Those Works were continu'd.

The 12*th*, The Cannon and Muskets fir'd very furiously on both sides.

The 13*th*, The Viceroy of *Catalonia* enter'd *Barcelona*, to hold a great Council of War; after which great preparations were made (for some considerable Action) by the Garrison, within and the *Spanish* Army without the Town.

The 14*th*, The *French* General being inform'd of the Measures and Resolutions taken at the great Council of War, held yesterday in the Town, viz. that his Camp was to be Attack'd next Day very early, by the whole *Spanish* Army (which was lately re-inforc'd by several fresh Regiments) Miquelets, Somatains, *&c.* whilst the greatest part of the Garrison Sallied to fall on them also, at the same time that Service being in Front, Flanks and Rear, design'd to be before-hand with the *Spaniards*, and accordingly order'd Lieutenant General *D'Usson* with 1000 Fuzileers, 300 Horse, and 200 Dragoons, to Attack early this Morning, Don *Michael Gonsalez d'Orassa*, who was posted upon three Eminences behind the Camp with 6 or 700 Horse, 1000 Foot, was detach'd from a Regiment in *Barcelona*, and 7 or 8000 Miquelets or Somatains. He commanded another Body of 2200 Horse, and 3000 Foot, which he would lead in Person, to Fight the Marquis *de Grignan*, General of the *Spanish* Horse, encamp'd at *Cornella*, on the Right of the *French* Army, with 2500 Horse, supported by the Viceroy, who was posted behind at St. *Felice*; leaving Orders with the Marquis *de Barbeziere* Lieutenant General

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for the Day to keep all the rest of the Foot in Arms, and the Horse in Battalia, for the security of the Trenches, and of the Camp? The Duke of *Vendôme* marcht the Infantry upon the right by the little Hills, and the Cavalry by the great Road, detaching before him, the *Sieur de Legal*, with 250 Horse, ordering him to Attack whatever he met; near the little Hospital, a quarter of a League from *Cornella*, he met the Enemies Out guards, who wheel'd as fast as he advanc'd; but being dark they cou'd not discover the number of Troops that follow'd him. Whereupon the *Sieur de Legal* (whom the Duke of *Vendôme* follow'd very close) enter'd the Enemies Camp, and without resistance broke 4 or 5 of the Troops he found there, who not being able to rally he pursu'd as far as the Village of St. *Felice*. The Viceroy who was yet a Bed, and who was wak'd only by the Noise of the Fight, fled away (not having time to dress himself) to the Mills, and in this Confusion cou'd only save his Papers and Plate. The *French* took some Mules and Prisoners, and began to Plunder, seizing on about 20000 Pistoles of the Viceroys. The loss wou'd have been much more considerable, but that the Brigade of *Estremadura* stopt their Carier, charging very briskly twice, their Horse who were dispers'd, killing many of 'em, and taking also 2 Standards from 'em, but those being supported by some fresh *French* Squadrons, the *Spaniards* retreated. However the *French* General not finding it proper to proceed any further, burnt what he cou'd not bring away, and return'd to his Camp. Whilst this was doing Lieutenant General *D'Usson* attach'd Don *Michael Gonzales*, *D'Otasso* with such Speed and Secrecy, that he kill'd several Officers in their Beds, the *Spanish* Troops were posted in three

several Places, two of which they quitted in the first disorder; but maintain'd the third, and upon the retreat of the *French* Carabiniers they charg'd them in the Rear, and at the same time several other of their Squadrons, (who had rallied) appearing to intercept the *French* Foot coming down from the Hills, but by the extraordinary care of *Monsieur de Barbezieres* in sending some Troops from the Camp, to support them, the *Spaniards* were disappointed and the *French* made their retreat without any great loss. During this Action the *Prince d'Armstadt* March'd out of *Barcelona* with a Body of Horse, to Allarm the *French* Troops in their Camp, in their Trenches and at their Posts, to prevent them sending any Succours to the Detachments that were engag'd with the *Spaniards*, which succeeded well, and which also oblig'd the Duke of *Vendosme*, to return the sooner. After that Retreat the Viceroy came and took Possession of his former Camp, having lost in that Action not above 5 or 600 Men. The Besiegers fir'd Furiously all the while upon the Place, they also sprung a Mine, but did no great Damage to the Besieged. There's an absolute and free Communication between the Town and *Spanish* Camp, two Gates being open, so that Detachments and Reinforcements enter at Pleasure. The Bombs have already destroy'd above 2000 Houses in *Barcelona*, which does not in the least discourage the Burghers, nor Garrison, who both are resolv'd to defend it to the last extremity. They have made a good Retrenchments behind the Ramparts, with a Place of Arms for the Horse, to be ready to attend a General Storm, if the *French* think fit to undertake it.

The 15*th*, and 16*th*, These two Days past without any Action of moment.

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The 17th, At Night all the *Spaniſh* Horſe enter'd the Place to aſſiſt the Beſieged, upon Suppoſition that the *Duke of Vendoſme* was preparing to Attack the Breach in the Courtine, now made about fifty Fathom wide, but ſoon after return'd back to their Camp.

The 18th, Nothing conſiderable was done on either ſide this Day.

The 19th, The *French* carried on their Gut even to the Ditch, under the favour of the Fire from the Battery of 12 Pieces of Cannon they had rais'd at the Head of their Attacks.

The 20th, There paſt nothing very remarkable.

The 21ſt, The Beſiegers from their Batteries fir'd very Furiouſly upon the two Baſtions, from the Right to the Left of the Attack, the *French* Miners fir'd their Mines, their General thinking it beſt to make himſelf Maſter of thoſe two Baſtions, before he ſhou'd pretend to Attack the Breach, a thing well worthy of his conſideration, becauſe of the numerous Garriſon of the Place, and the ſeveral Retrenchments they had made behind their Works.

The 22d, About ſix in the Evening the Beſiegers ſprung their Mines under the two Baſtions, which had good Effect and at the ſame time their Troops advanc'd and attack the two Baſtions with abundance of bravery, lodging themſelves upon the point of the Baſtion on the Right, and upon the Baſtion on the Left, after very obſtinate and vigorous Reſiſtance from the Beſieged. During that Attack, there was thrown into the Town a great number of Bombs, Grenades, and Stones, which put the Beſieged into great Confuſion, cauſing a great diſorder, eſpecially among the Burghers. The Duke of *Vendoſme*, though indiſpoſed for ſeveral Days, was all Night in the Trenches, with

the *Grand Prior* of *France* his Brother, that he might be the nearer at hand to give Orders, as occasion shou'd require. After which the *French* gave an Assault to the Half-moon, and to the first Retrenchment the *Spaniards* had on that Side, but were repuls'd with very great Loss, even to their Approaches. Some Minutes after they redoubled their Fire from their Fleet and Army, and gave another Assault, not only to the Bastion of Saint *Peter*, but also to that of *Portneuf*, the Besieged who defended the last Bastion, repuls'd them with great Loss; whose Cannon being Charg'd with Musket-ball, made great havock among the *French*. The Shock continu'd seven hours with abundance of Resolution on both sides; but the *Germans* who were upon the Bastion of Saint *Peter*, could not hinder the *French* from Lodging themselves upon the Half Moon of the same Bastion. In this Action the *French* had between Fifteen Hundred and Two Thousand Men Kill'd and Wounded, and the *Spaniards* not above Five Hundred of both. There were several Councils of War held in the Town, and the Burghers seem'd inclin'd to Capitulate, accordingly proposing it, but the Prince *Darmstadt* flouted him, and answer'd that he was resolv'd to defend the Place to the last Extremity. The French have lost abundance of Men in the several Actions and Attacks, yet continue very Resolute, having rais'd a new Battery of twelve Pieces of Cannon, to Batter the Retrenchments the Besieged have made in the Place. Part of the expected Reinforcements from *Provence* and *Languedoc* is just now arriv'd in the Camp, the rest are in full march, to the number of six or seven Thousand Men; which when join'd with the *French* Army, 'tis believ'd they will give a general Assault. The General having dispos'd all things to that purpose,

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and has also cut off the Communication between the City and Fort *Montjoui*. The Besieged seem not in the least discourag'd at all these mighty Preparations, being resolv'd to defend the several Intrenchments they have made within the Town; the Brave Prince of *Darmstat* animates them exceedingly, having gain'd an universal Love and Esteem amongst the Citizens and Inhabitants in general, as also amongst the Officers and Soldiers; the highest Respect being paid him on all hands upon the first sight of him.

The 23d At break of Day the *Spaniards* Attackt the two Bastions, and retook that upon the Left, the *French* maintaining that upon the Right, which was extreamly well defended by the *Sieur de Maffois*, and by the *Sieur de Montandre*, who mounted on the Flank of the Bastion with two hundred detached Men, who Attack'd the *Spaniards*, forcing them to retire with some Loss.

The same Day about three a Clock in the Afternoon, the *Sieur d'Uffon*, the *Chevalier de Genlis*, and the *Sieur de Schellebery* mounting the Trenches, the Duke of *Vendosme* order'd the Bastion on the Left to be again Attackt, which was executed with great Vigor, the Besieged made a very great and long Resistance, fighting with Bagonets in the Mouth of their Muskets, nevertheless the *Spaniards* were beat back, whilst the *French* were lodging themselves, the *Spaniards* forung several Mines, and came back to the Charge, throwing abundance of Granadoes, which caused some disorder amongst the Besiegers, which lasted not long; for the Prince of *Birkenfelt* hastning to the Head of his Regiment, the *Spaniards* were repulsed, and the Lodgment made. A little before the *Spaniards* Attackt the Bastion on the Left, they sallied from the Bastion on the

the Right, but were repuls'd by the *Sieur de Schelleberg*, and by the *Count de Montsoü*, the eldest Son of the *Marquis de Sourches*, Great Provost of *France*, who order'd his Regiment to Mount the Trenches after the same manner as the *Sieur de Montandre* had. This Shock lasted from Eight of the Clock in the Morning till Four in the Afternoon. These Attacks cost both sides as dear, as those of the Day before.

The twenty-fourth in the morning the Duke of *Vendosme* caused an Assault to be made on the two Bastions by great Detachments under the Command of the Count *de Coigny* Lieutenant General, but it was not thought fit to attack the Courtine, because they must have march'd too much expos'd to the Enemies fire from the two Flanks. The Dispute lasted three hours, and at last the French made themselves Masters of the Bastion on the Left; but when they had almost finished their Lodgment, the *Spaniards* returned and attack'd them with such Fury, that they beat them out again.

The French General sent Orders to the Regiments of *Alsace* and *Souches*, to make another Attack on the Bastion on the Left, which they made themselves Masters of a second time, the *Prince of Berkenfelt*, who commanded the first of these Regiments, planting there with his own Hand the French Colours, but could not long maintain their Ground; for the *Spaniards* coming on again with great Bravery, forced the Enemy to give way, driving them quite from their Post. The *Prince of Birkenfelt* endeavour'd to rally them, and to recover what they had lost, and after a sharp Engagement once more planted his Colours on the Bastion, and began to lodge his Men, but they were beaten off as before; the French being reinforc'd, return'd

return'd a fourth time, and at last remain'd Masters of the said * *Bastion*. During this Action on the Left, the Bastion on the Right was in like manner taken and retaken several times, but with this difference, that the *Spaniards* at last voluntarily quitted it. The Slaughter of Men in these several Actions was on both sides very great, the Besiegers have lost about a thousand Officers and Soldiers, and amongst them their Chief Ingenier (much lamented) the *Sieur Esprit*, who was slain: However being lodged, the French work'd hard on a Battery of six Pieces of Cannon, intending to raise other Batteries, having yet very great Difficulties to surmount; for the Besieged have made three strong Entrenchments behind the * *Ramparts*, the last of which is Pallizado'd, and has a very good Ditch before it, and besides the very Streets are all Intrenched. The day after the Attacks before-mentioned, the *Spaniards* planted on the Courtine (of which they are yet in Possession) some Colours they had taken from the Enemy, and at the same time the *Duke of Vendosme* ordered the Colours he had taken from the *Spaniards* to be planted on the Bastions; The *French* mount and relieve with Hautboys and other Martial Musick, with several new Tunes, whilst the *Prince d'Armstadt* on his part does the same behind the Retrenchments. Just before the forerecited Assaults, the Reinforcement from *Provence* and *Languedoc* join'd the *French* Army, and consisted of between Six and Seven thousand Men. The *Spaniards* Loss was also very considerable in the late

* Ramparts are Fortresses or Bulwarks.

* A Bastion is a Bulwark made in form of a jutting Angle, with two Faces and as many Flanks, furnished with a † Parapet and ‖ Banquette.

† A Parapet is a casting up of Earth to cover the Defender.

‖ A Banquette is a Degree or Step of Earth, or Turf, to stand over the Parapet.

late Actions. They expect a Succour of Three thousand Veteran Troops from *Africa*, and seem very resolute, and shew as little sign of Capitulating as they did the very first day the Siege was form'd.

The 26th, 27th, and 28th. The French were busy in carrying on their Works, and to dispose all things for a General Assault upon the Body of the Town, but the Garison and Burghers seem equally resolv'd to receive it, so that in that case the Besiegers must expect to lose abundance of Men, seeing that besides a good Retrenchment the Besieged have made behind the Rampart, where the Horse are to act, there are also four or five more beyond that, each at a certain distance from the other. The *Spaniards* have received a Reinforcement of Two thousand Men, who, not to be discovered by their Enemies in their coming into the City, marched on the side of St. *Jerom's* Height; amongst these Troops are Five hundred *Catalans*, and Fifteen hundred Foot detach'd from the Garison of *Ceuta*, besides which, they expect every minute a good Body of Men from *Valentia*, *Arragon* and *Navarre*, who are actually on the march to join them.

The 29th. The *French* took several Mules who were going with Provisions to the Besieged, and also possess'd themselves of St. *Anthony's Gate*, on the side of the Fort of *Montjuy*, which is one of the two Gates by which the *Spaniards* in the Town receiv'd Succours. The same day the *Count d'Estree* having received Information that a Squadron of Spanish Galleys were coming from *Final*, with a Reinforcement for the Garison of *Barcelona*, he sail'd out of that Road with Six Men of War and Eighteen Galleys to meet them.

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The *30th*, *31th*, *August* the *1st*, *2d*, *3d*, and *4th*; All these Days were employ'd by the Besiegers in mighty Preparations for a General Assault, as also by the Besieged to give them a warm Reception, and to defend the Place to the utmost Extremity; however all things being disposed for the Storm, the breach of the Courtine wide enough, and the *Duke of Vendosme* ready upon all accompts for that sharp Service; *Monsieur de Barbesiers* was sent to Summon the Town, which occasioned a Conference between him and the *Marquis de Pimontelli*, and that Conference produced some Overtures in order to a Capitulation: And at last the *Prince of Darmstadt* having signified his Resolution to Capitulate, Time was demanded and granted for drawing up of the Articles, and Cessation of Arms concluded on.

The *5th*, *6th*, *7th*, *8th*, *9th*, and *10th*. In the mean time the Prince of *Darmstadt* and the Duke of *Vendosme* had an Interview, wherein the first gave the latter an Account of his being made Commander in Chief, or Captain-General of the *Spanish* Armies in *Catalonia*, and that the Count *de la Corsona* was made Viceroy in the room of the Marquis *de Velasco*, and consequently that it would be requisite for him to send for further Orders from *Madrid*; but that being civilly denied him by the *French* General, they soon after finish'd the Articles, and the Prince of *Darmstadt*, together with the Marquis of *Pimontelli*, repairing upon the tenth Instant, *New Stile*, by three a Clock in the Morning to the Duke of *Vendosme*'s Tent, the Capitulation was agreed to, and all the Marks of Honour and Distinction granted to the Garison, that so brave and generous a Defence could deserve, after fifty-six days of open Trenches.

The Articles were numerous, large and very full, consisting of no less than Fifty several Heads, but most of them were Private; the most material and considerable of the Publick ones are these that follow, *viz.*

That the Garrison, both Horse and Foot, and the Persons thereunto belonging, consisting of what Nation soever, shall according to the Military Custom, march out with Colours flying, Drums beating, compleatly Armed, with Bullets in their Mouths, and lighted Matches, Bag and Baggage, thirty Pieces of Brass Cannon of different Bores, six Mortars, and Ammunition proportionable, besides six Charges for every Soldier, and to be conducted on the fifteenth Instant as far as *Martarel*, beyond the River *Lobregate*, and thence to *Tarragon*.

That for the Conveniency of carrying away their Baggage and what else they Please, they shall be allowed a sufficient Number of transport Waggons, Mules, *&c.*

That six Persons be permitted to go out Masked.

That a Suspension of Arms is herein concluded, and which shall not expire till the first of *September*.

That no Fortifications shall be Demolished that serve for the Defence of the Place.

That the Fort of *Montjuoy* shall be comprehended in the Capitulation, but in regard it was not Attackt, they shall have Liberty to remove all the Artillery, Mortars, Arms, Ammunition, Provision and Baggage out of it.

That as to what concerns the Rights, Privileges and Liberties of the Inhabitants, they shall be preserv'd inviolate; and they or either of them may have Liberty to retire whether they please, or to stay, whereupon *six Thousand who took Arms for the Defence*

of the Place, desired leave to March out with the Garrison.

That whatever relates to Eccleſiaſtical and ſecular Societies remain in the ſame State it was, the Tribunal of the Inquiſition only excepted, which was abſolutely refuſed to be admitted, *there being no ſuch Court allowed, either in* France, *or any of the conquered Countries.*

The loſs of Engineers, Officers and Soldiers ſuſtain'd in the brave Attacking, and reſolute Defending of that important Place, was on both ſides very great, the *French* are ſaid to have loſt above twelve Thouſand, and the *Spaniards* about eight Thouſand Men, beſides Wounded and Diſabled; but as yet there has been, (nor is there like to be) any exact or particular Account thereof made Publick, either in *Spain* or *France*, for Reaſons beſt known to thoſe two Nations, who may be ſaid with Juſtice to have had equal Honour in that noble conteſt for Superiority, the Courage of both, having ſhewn it ſelf almoſt to a degree of Admiration; and if any thing can, will infallibly give Immortality to their Illuſtrious Names.

FINIS.